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## Newport panel to consider pesticide container disposal

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NEWPORT -- The transfer station here will join a short list of facilities that take farmers' pesticide containers if selectmen give the go ahead during tonight's meeting.

Newport would be just the third community in the state to accept the plastic containers, said town manager Jim Ricker.

The containers are baled and shipped through the Maine Resource Recovery Association.

The Maine Resource Council and Maine Pesticides Control Board has asked the town to accept the containers because the town can store the containers in a roofed area, Ricker said.

"It's very important we find adequate places to bale these and bale them for shipment," he said.

Ricker estimated the town would see just a couple of bundles each year. It takes about 49 bundles to fill a truck, Ricker said.

In other business, selectmen plan to:

- Review and revise the pre-employment drug testing policy.
- Consider composting alternatives.
- Meet in executive session to meet with several applicants for the solid waste foreman position.

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